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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PERSONNEL: JACK STONE'S CONTINUATION AS
HEAD OF LLDC PROGRAM

1. SECRETARY GENERAL COREA HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND JACK STONE (US) IN THE POSITION AS HEAD OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED PROGRAM OF UNCTAD THROUGH UNCTAD V (MAY 1979) AND BEYOND. HOWEVER, THESE EFFORTS HAVE DEVELOPED A PROBLEM WITH THE UNHQ PERSONNEL. JACK STONE, UP TO RECENTLY ON SECUNDMENT FROM AID, HAS HELD THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE RESEARCH BRANCH OF UNCTAD (WHICH INCLUDED THE LLDC PROGRAM) AT A D-2 LEVEL. THAT POSITION HAS BEEN ABOLISHED WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF UNCTAD AND THE POSITION DOWNGRADED TO A D-1 LEVEL. IN THE MEANWHILE, STONE HAS RETIRED FROM AID AND HAS BEEN CONTINUED ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS. HE IS WILLING TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION AT A D-1 LEVEL, BUT NEW YORK PERSONNEL HAS BEEN RAISING OBJECTIONS BASED ON WHAT IT CLAIMS TO BE A REGULATION THAT A PERSON CANNOT BE REEMPLOYED BY THE SECRETARIAT AT A LEVEL LOWER THAN HE PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED. SYG COREA IS PUSHING FOR A FAVORABLE RULING ON STONE TO PERMIT HIM TO CONTINUE ON A FIXED TERM BASIS AT THE D-1 LEVEL.

COMMENT: SYG COREA HAS CONTINUOUSLY INDICATED HIS DESIRE
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TO KEEP AN AMERICAN IN THE LLDC POSITION, BUT HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE BY THE G-77 TO NOMINATE A G-77 NATIONAL. HE APPARENTLY FEELS THAT IF STONE IS NOT CONTINUED IN THE POSITION HE WILL BE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION TO RESIST G-77 PRESSURES. THEREFORE, THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT USUN ATTEMPT TO ASSIST IN OVERCOMING THE "REGULATORY" DIFFICULTIES TO ASSURE CONTINUATION OF A US NATIONAL IN

THIS POSITION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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